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SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION UP

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 97 million eggs during June, up 14 percent from June 2010, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 74 million table eggs and 23 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,529,000 birds, up 11 percent from 4,087,000 a year ago. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,142 eggs, compared with 2,080 in June 2010.

The UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.50 billion during June 2011, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.44 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 999 million were broiler-type and 69 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2011 averaged 336 million, down 1 percent from last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,230 eggs, up 1 percent from June 2010.

SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION DECREASES

During the month of June, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 18.9 million chicks, down 8 percent from last year's 20.5 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during June 2011 totaled 768 million, down 2 percent from June 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 622 million on July 1, 2011, down 5 percent from a year earlier.